

Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

特許出願宣言書兼委任状

Japanese Language Declaration

私は、下欄に使命を記載した発明者として、以下のとおり宣言する：

私の住所、郵便の宛先および国籍は、下欄に氏名に続いて記載したとおりであり、下記名称の発明に関し、請求の範囲に記載した特許を求める主題の本来の、最初にして唯一の発明者である（一人の氏名のみが下欄に記載されている場合）か、もしくは本来の、最初にして共同の発明者である（複数の氏名が下欄に記載されている場合）と信じ、

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

STAGE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE APPARATUS,
AND EXPOSURE METHOD

その明細書を
(該当するものにチェック)
☐ ここに添付する。

☐ 年 月 日

出願番号第 として出願され、

年 月 日補正し、
(該当する場合)

私は、前記のとおり補正した請求の範囲を含む前記明細書の内容を検討し、理解したことを陳述する。

私は、連邦規則法典第 37 章第 1 条第 56 項に従い、本願の特許性の有無について重要な情報を開示すべき義務を有することを認める。

私は、合衆国法典第 35 章第 119 条に基づく下記の外国特許出願または発明者証出願の外国優先権利益を主張し、さらに優先権の主張に係わる基礎出願の出願日前の出願日を有する外国特許出願または発明者証出願および/または米国仮出願を以下に明記する：

the specification of which
(check one)

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☐ was filed on 年 月 日 as

Application Serial No. 番号

and was amended on 年 月 日
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and/or any U.S. provisional application(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior foreign and/or provisional applications
先行外国出願/仮出願

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私は、合衆国法典第 35 章第 120 条に基づく下記の合衆国特許出願の利益を主張し、本願の請求の範囲各項に記載の主題が合衆国法典第 35 章第 112 条第 1 項に規定の態様で先の合衆国出願に開示されていない限りにおいて、先の出願の出願日と本願の国内出願日または PCT 国際出願日の間に公表された連邦規則法典第 37 章第 1 条第 56 項に記載の所要の情報を開示すべき義務を有することを認める。

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, in so far as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

委任状：私は下記発明者として、以下の代理人をここに選任し、本願の手続を遂行すること並びにこれに関する一切の行為を特許商標庁に対して行うことを委任する。(代理人氏名および登録番号を明記のこと)

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasufumi NISHII et al.

Application No.: New U.S. National Stage of
PCT/JP2004/018702

Filed: June 9, 2006

Docket No.: 128375

For: STAGE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD

**TRANSMITTAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Power of Attorney from the Assignee.

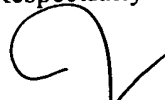
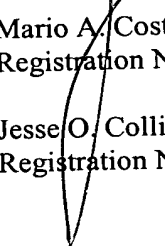
In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that NIKON CORPORATION is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto and is concurrently being submitted for recordation.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.36(a), submission of this Power of Attorney revokes any powers of attorney previously given.

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BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NO. 25944, TELEPHONE
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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(3) Hiroataka KOHNO (7) _____
(4) _____ (8) _____

In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned, each undersigned agrees to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to

(9) Insert Name of Assignee (9) NIKON CORPORATION
(10) Insert Address of Assignee (10) 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) and Assignee's heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. §100, in the invention, and in all applications for patent including any and all provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuation, substitute, and reissue application(s), and all Letters Patent, extensions, reissues and reexamination certificates that may be granted on the invention known as

(11) Insert Identification such as Title, Case Number, or Foreign Application Number (11) STAGE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD
(Attorney Docket No. 128375)

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America on even date herewith or

(12) Insert Date of Signing of Application (12) on May 26, 2006, May 30, 2006

(13) Alternative Identification for filed applications (13) U.S. application Serial Number _____
filed June 9, 2006

1) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications for the invention, and any patent(s) issuing thereon, and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications and patents as the Assignee may deem necessary.

2) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning any application or continuation or division thereof, or any patent or reissue application based thereon, for the invention, and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

3) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

4) Each undersigned agrees to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain, maintain or confirm by reissue or reexamination a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

5) Each undersigned authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patents of the United States resulting from said application(s) to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and covenants that he has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has not executed, and will not execute, any agreements in conflict herewith, and agrees that this assignment is binding on him and his heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives.

6) Each undersigned hereby grants the firm of OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC the power to insert on this assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

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This assignment should preferably be signed before: (a) a Notary Public if within the U.S.A. (b) a U.S. Consul if outside the U.S.A. If neither, then it should be signed before at least two witnesses who also sign here:

Date	<u>May 31, 2006</u>	Witness	<u>Takeshi Shiraishi</u>
Date	<u>May 31, 2006</u>	Witness	<u>Takeshi Mifuguchi</u>